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Dear Harold:

My socialist buddy Doug Magee sent me this. I think you will find it interesting and irritating. I gave him WW II

Gerry Ginocchio wrote me and told me that the copy ofWaketh that I sent him was more complete than his rough draft. So I am glad I sent it to him.

He may be visiting you when you get this letter. If he is standing there, tell him HI!

Our local bookstore now has Hosty's book and a new one from the La Fontaines. They mention you on one page, something about a Father Machan or something.

They have Case Open and Selections, sold Never Again! They have Mailer's book in paperback.

~~Dp-mpt~~ Do not feel that you have to answer this letter. I know you are busy.

Things are going well, my stepsister from Bethesda is visiting us. She is a school teacher. But I have never visited her up there, she is just a little too far away. She is from Louisville, her parents were my parents best friends.

I note that the new controversy in the White House is that some of the staff used to smoke marijuana. I wish they still did, maybe they would loosen up their imaginations and come up with an original idea. Like stopping water pollution or improving our highways and mass transit.

My old boss was head of Assoc. Equip Distributors, one of the main highway lobbies. I wrote him last year begging him and the organization to try to get infrastructure improvements on the agenda for Dole and Clinton. They did almost nothing. I don't think they have done anything since my father ran their PAC in 1982 and got the gas tax raised 5¢. I mean, what is the constituency for dirty water and bad roads? Their failure to get these things on the political agenda is a disgrace, both for industry and for conservation. This election is going to be nothing but slander and libel, not one damn issue is going to be discussed.Like kids saying your mother wears army boots.

When both the Democrats and the Republicans spend millions with negative campaigning, is it any wonder the public is cynical?

Say HI to Lil. Hope you are feeling well. I feel great, I had been feeling kind of beat. I swear, in retrospect I think I had some type of stress induced fatigue. The last Friday night, I made the mistake of taking Waketh to bed to reread. Agitated me so much I tossed and turned for 2 hours, got up at 3am, drank 3 beers and watched a tape of a Daytone race to relax! Waketh is the worst bedtime reading